THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" அவர்கள் இப்பொழுது வேண்டுமானாலும் ஹையர் கிரேட் பாஸ் செய்துகொள்ளலாம்."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Will the Government see that justice is rendered to these teachers by granting them the extra grant of three rupees at least in view of the fact that there are only some 2,000 such teachers and also in view of the fact that they have not so far been given any ultimatum to appear for the higher grade examination within a specified period of time and get qualified further? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have considered this case and I am sorry, I am unable to agree to the suggestion of the hon. Member."

School education to children between the ages of 6 *and* 11.

* 182 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage of children between the ages of 6 and 11 to whom Government propose to provide school education ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to raise the percentage of children between the ages of 11 and 17 undergoing secondary education?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No target was fixed in the First Five-Year Plan. The proposals under the Second Five-Year Plan have not yet been finalized and therefore it is not possible to say at present whether any such target will be fixed in the Second Five-Year Plan.

" (*b*) There is no specific proposal, as such, to raise the percentage of children between the ages of 11 and 17 undergoing secondary education."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" When do the Government expect to implement the provisions of Article 45 of the Constitution of India to give free and compulsory education to children below fourteen years of age within ten years from the date on which the Constitution came into force? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are hoping to implement that programme."

Non-fulfilment by teachers of the terms of stipend granted to them.

* 183 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state how many teachers in each grade trained prior to the beginning of the Basic Training scheme have not fulfilled the terms of the stipend granted to them in the State ; and what action has been taken by the Government against them?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The number of teachers who have not fulfilled the terms are as follows :—

Secondary Grade—1,991.
Higher Elementary Grade—10,048.
Lower Elementary Grade—18.

Ordinarily notices are issued by the heads of the training institutions to the defaulters for the recovery of the stipends paid to them. If the candidates fail to refund in time the stipends drawn, the amounts are recovered as arrears of land revenue (under Revenue Recovery Act). In some cases when the whereabouts of the students are not known their names are published in the Gazette and suitable action taken if traced. To recover the stipends, court action is also taken. Stipends are written off, if found irrecoverable, after all attempts at recovery have failed."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" In view of the large number of cases of breach mentioned by the Hon. the Minister and in view of the fact that it will be a great hardship on these people if action is taken against them, will the Government think of writing off the claims as irrecoverable? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In certain cases where it is recoverable, we are recovering. Where it is not possible, we are writing off. After all, when we impose a condition, we must also see that the condition is fulfilled. The large-scale breach of the conditions in my view is due to the fact that we are giving them not a sufficient wage to attract them to continue as teachers."

Committee for examining the elementary education scheme.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any expert committee has been constituted for examining the elementary education scheme ;

(*b*) if so, what the strength of the committee is ; and

(*c*) whether any experts in industries or persons actually engaged in cottage or other industries have been nominated as members of this committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A copy of G.O. Ms. No. 1714 [a], Education, dated 4th December 1954, constituting a committee for reform of elementary education is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the Legislature will be given an opportunity to discuss the recommendations of the committee before the reorganization scheme is finalized? "

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